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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, where marked-up versions of the amended claims 3-7 and 9 are attached as Appendix A:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 3. (Amended) Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that the mathematical
3 operation is the addition of the first index (25) and the second
4 index (26).
- 1 4. (Amended) Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that the mathematical
3 operation is the multiplication of the first index (25) and the
4 second index (26).
- 1 5. (Amended) Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that the first packet
3 characteristic of the data packet (23) is a packet loss priority.

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1 6. (Amended) Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that the second packet
3 characteristic of the data packet (23) is a packet delay priority.

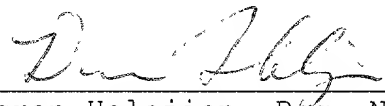
1 7. (Amended) 7. Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, characterized in that the sequence for data
3 packets (23) with an equal result of the mathematical operation is
4 based on a predetermined one of the indices (25, 26).

9. (Amended) Telecommunications switching arrangement (1)
according to claim 5, characterized in that the sequencer is
operative to purge a data packet (23) from the storage (5), based
on the packet loss priority when the number of data packets (23)
in the storage (5) exceeds a predetermined threshold value.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies.
The above amendments are submitted to place this application in
proper U.S. format. Entry of the amendment and an early action on
the merits are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claims

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 3-7 and 9 are attached as Appendix A:

1 3. (Amended) Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, [or 2,] chacterized in that the mathematical
3 operation is the addition of the first index (25) and the second
4 index (26).

1 4. (Amended) Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, [or 2,] characterized in that the
3 mathematical operation is the multiplication of the first index
4 (25) and the second index (26).

1 5. (Amended) Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, [2, 3 or 4,] characterized in that the first
3 packet characteristic of the data packet (23) is a packet loss
4 priority.

1 6. (Amended) Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, [2, 3 or 4,] characterized in that the second
3 packet characteristic of the data packet (23) is a packet delay
4 priority.

1 7. (Amended) 7. Telecommunication switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 1, [2, 3, 4, 5, or 6,] characterized in that the
3 sequence for data packets (23) with an equal result of the
4 mathematical operation is based on a predetermined one of the
5 indices (25, 26).

1 9. (Amended) Telecommunications switching arrangement (1)
2 according to claim 5, [or 8,] characterized in that the sequencer
3 is operative to purge a data packet (23) from the storage (5),
4 based on the packet loss priority when the number of data packets
5 (23) in the storage (5) exceeds a predetermined threshold value.